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1. THE CANADIAN DCM HAS TOLD US HE CALLED ON MUELLER OF FONMIN ON INSTRUCTIONS JAN. 12 TO DISCUSS ZIMBABWE FUND PROPOSAL.
2. MUELLER, WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM EC MEETING ON AFRICA, SAID THAT, ALTHOUGH RHODESIA WAS ON THE AGENDA OF THE LONDON MEETING, THE FRENCH REFUSED

TO DISCUSS IT ON THE GROUNDS THAT CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL HAD NOT ADVANCED FAR ENOUGH TO PERMIT DISCUSSION.

3. MUELLER'S DESCRIPTION OF FRG'S VIEWS CLOSELY PARALLELS THOSE WE OURSELVES HAD EARLIER RECEIVED FROM FONOFF AND AID MINISTRY OFFICIALS. HE REITERATED THAT FRG'S ATTITUDE WAS BASICALLY POSITIVE BUT REFERRED AGAIN TO AID MINISTRY TECHNICAL PROBLEMS, RELUCTANCE OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY TO COMMIT FUNDS, EASTERN REFUGEES, NAMIBIA PRECEDENTS, ETC.

4. MUELLER ALSO AGAIN MENTIONED CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO DISCUSSING WITH THE UK AND US POSSIBILITY OF CONSORTIUM RATHER THAN FUND. MUELLER TOLD CANADIAN DCM OF REPORTS THAT UK AND US WERE CONSIDERING A MEETING OF POTENTIAL DONORS IN LATE FEBRUARY. IN SPITE OF OUR HAVING CONVEYED CONTENTS OF REF B TO FONOFF, CANADIAN DCM SAID MUELLER WAS STILL REFERRING TO QUESTION OF ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSAL TO ZIMBABWE, NEED FOR PRE-CONDITIONS RELATING TO AN AGREED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, LACK OF CONTROL OF POTENTIAL FUND, ETC.

5. CANADIAN DCM HAS TOLD US THAT HE POINTED OUT TO MUELLER THE ILLOGIC OF WANTING TO WAIT FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT BEFORE DEALING WITH THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR ZIMBABWE. HE TOLD US HE HAD ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT OUR INTENTION WAS TO MOVE CONFIDENTIAL

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POLITICAL SETTLEMENT FORWARD, AND THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE IF WE LEFT ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ISSUES TO LATER IN THE DAY. STOESEL

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